

Early Learning and Development Guidelines

This document provides current website links to early learning and development guidelines (ELDGs) from the 50 states and the District of Columbia. At this time, all states have developed ELDGs for preschool children (3 to 5 years old), and most states have ELDGs that either include or are separate for infants and toddlers (birth to 3 years old).

State	ELDG Name and Website	ELDG Age Range
Alabama	Alabama Early Learning Guidelines http://dhr.alabama.gov/large_docs/aelg.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Alaska	Early Learning Guidelines (2007) https://www.bestbeginningsalaska.org/what-we-do/building-strong-families/alaska-early-learning-guidelines/	Birth to 5 years
Arizona	Arizona's Infant and Toddler Developmental Guidelines http://www.azftf.gov/WhoWeAre/Board/Documents/az_infant_toddler_guidelines.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Early Learning Standards (2018) https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=5ba5462a1dcb2507f8788ea1	3 to 5 years
Arkansas	Arkansas Child Development and Early Learning Standards (2016) http://www.arheadstart.org/Ark_Early_Learning_Standards%20(19)%20(1).pdf	Birth to 5 years
California	California Infant/Toddler Learning & Development Foundations (2009) http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/itfoundations.asp	Birth to 3 years
	California Preschool Learning Foundations, Volumes 1-3 http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/psfoundations.asp	3 to 5 years
Colorado	Colorado Early Learning & Development Guidelines (2013) https://www.cde.state.co.us/early/eldgs	Birth to 5 years

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Connecticut	Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards (2014) http://www.ct.gov/oec/lib/oec/earlycare/elds/ctelds.pdf	Birth to 5 years
	Connecticut Preschool Assessment Framework (2008) https://www.ct.gov/oec/lib/oec/earlycare/elds/preschool_assessment_framework.pdf	3 to 5 years
Delaware	Delaware Early Learning Foundations: Infant/Toddler (2010) http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dms/epqc/birth3/files/deinfant_0211.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Delaware Early Learning Foundations: Preschool (2010) https://dieecpd.org/static/uploads/files/elfpreschool9-10.pdf	3 to 5 years
District of Columbia	District of Columbia Common Core Early Learning Standards 2015 https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/publication/attachments/D%20Early%20Learning%202015.pdf	Birth to kindergarten
Florida	Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards: Birth to Kindergarten (2017) http://flbt5.floridaearlylearning.com/docs/OEL-SR15BtoK.pdf	Birth to 4 years
	Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards: 4 Years Old to Kindergarten (2017) http://flbt5.floridaearlylearning.com/docs/OEL-VPK154yo.pdf	4-year-olds to kindergarten
Georgia	Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards http://www.gelds.decal.ga.gov/Default.aspx	Birth to 5 years
	Georgia's Pre-K Program Content Standards (2009) http://www.decal.ga.gov/documents/attachments/Content_Standards.pdf	4-year-olds
Hawaii	Hawai'i Early Learning and Development Standards: Framework and Continuum from Birth to End of Kindergarten (April 2013) http://p3hawaii.org/sites/default/files/HELDS%20continuum%204_23_2013.pdf	Birth to 5 years and older
	The Hawai'i Early Learning & Development Standards: Supplemental Guides for Infants and Toddlers (2013) http://p3hawaii.org/sites/default/files/13380001_HPPE_HELDS_Guide-Discovering_Identity-v4a.pdf	Toddlers 18–24 Months
Idaho	Idaho Early Learning eGuidelines (2008) http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Children/InfantToddlerProgram/ELeG/ELeG_050918.pdf	Birth to 3rd Grade

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Illinois	Illinois Early Learning Guidelines for Children Birth to Age Three (2013) https://illinoisearlylearning.org/ielg/	Birth to 3 years
	Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards for Preschool (2013) https://illinoisearlylearning.org/ielsd/	3 to 5 years
Indiana	Indiana Early Learning Foundations (2015) http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/earlylearning/foundations-2015-august-12.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Iowa	Iowa Early Learning Standards - 3rd Edition (2018) https://educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/iowaEarlyLearningStandards-3rdEdition12.20.18_508.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Kansas	Kansas Early Learning Standards: Building the Foundation for Successful Children (2014) https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Early%20Childhood/KsEarlyLearningStandards.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Kentucky	Building a Strong Foundation for School Success: Kentucky's Early Childhood Standards (2013) https://kidsnow.ky.gov/families/readiness/Documents/early-childhood-standards.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Louisiana	Louisiana's Birth to Five Early Learning & Development Standards (2013) https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/academic-standards/early-childhood---birth-to-five-standards.pdf?sfvrsn=c8a3881f_6	Birth to 5 years
Maine	Supporting Maine's Infants & Toddlers: Guidelines for Learning & Development (2006) http://www.maine.gov/earlylearning/standards/infantsandtoddlerguidelines.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Maine's Early Learning and Development Standards (2015) https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/MELDS_Re-Print_1.pdf	18 months to 5 years

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Maryland	Maryland Early Learning Standards (n.d.) https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/system/files/filedepot/4/msde-pedagogy-report-appendix_2016.pdf	Birth to 8 years
	Healthy Beginnings: Supporting Development and Learning from Birth through Three Years of Age (2010) http://olms.cte.jhu.edu/olms2/data/ck/sites/3910/files/HealthyBeginnings2015.pdf	Birth to 3 years
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Early Learning Guidelines for Infants and Toddlers (2011) https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/12/20/20110519_infant_toddler_early_learning_guidelines.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences (2003) https://www.mass.gov/files/2017-08/20030401_preschool_early_learning_guidelines.pdf	3 to 5 years
Michigan	Michigan Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Infant and Toddler Programs (2013) http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ECSQ_IT_approved_422341_7.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten (2013) http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ECSQ_OK_Approved_422339_7.pdf	3 to 5 years
Minnesota	Early Childhood Indicators of Progress: Minnesota’s Early Learning Guidelines: Birth to Kindergarten (2017) http://www.isd47.org/media/2017/02/MN-ECIP-022017-web.pdf?x64048	Birth to 5 years

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Mississippi	Mississippi Early Learning Standards for Classrooms Serving Infants Through Four-Year-Old Children (2018) https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/documents/OAE/OEER/Early%20Childhood/Infants%20through%20Four-Year-Old%20Early%20Learning%20Standards%202018.05.16%20-%20APA.pdf	Birth to 4 years
	Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Classrooms Serving Three- and Four-Year Old Children (2018) https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/Offices/MDE/OAE/OEER/Early%20Childhood/Early%20Childhood%20Early%20Learning%20Guidelines%203's%20%204's%202018%20FINAL%20with%20no%20mark-ups.pdf	3 to 4 years
	Mississippi Kindergarten Guidelines (2018) https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/Tab-01-back-up-02-K%20Guidelines%20Final%208-27-18-revised.docx	Kindergarten
Missouri	Missouri Early Learning Goals Birth to Kindergarten Entry (2013) https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/eel-el-2013-MELGoals.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Montana	Montana's Early Learning Guidelines for Infants and Toddlers http://www.mtecp.org/pdfs/infanttoddlerelgs.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Montana Early Learning Standards (2014) https://opi.mt.gov/Portals/182/Page%20Files/Early%20Childhood/Docs/14EarlyLearningStandards.pdf	3 to 5 years
Nebraska	Nebraska's Birth to Five Learning and Development Standards (2018) https://cdn.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/ELG-PDF.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Nevada	Nevada Infant and Toddler Early Learning Guidelines (2011) http://www.nevadaregistry.org/fb_files/InfantToddlerGuidelines.pdf	Birth through 3 years
	Nevada Pre-Kindergarten Standards (2010) http://www.nevadaregistry.org/fb_files/PreKStandards-FINAL.pdf	3 to 5 years
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Early Childhood Standards https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/cdb/documents/nh-early-learning-standards.pdf	Birth to 5 years
New Jersey	New Jersey Birth to Three Early Learning Standards (2013) https://www.nj.gov/education/ece/guide/standards/birth/standards.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Preschool Teaching & Learning Standards (2014) http://www.nj.gov/education/ece/guide/standards.pdf	3 to 5 years

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New Mexico	New Mexico Early Learning Guidelines: Birth through Kindergarten (2014) https://www.newmexicokids.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Early_Learning_Guidelines_Birth_thru_Kindergarten_July_2014.pdf	Birth through Kindergarten
New York	New York State Early Learning Guidelines (2012) http://www.earlychildhoodnyc.org/pdfs/eng/ELG.pdf	Birth to 5 years
North Carolina	North Carolina Foundations for Early Learning and Development (2013) https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Portals/0/documents/pdf/N/NC_Foundations.pdf?ver=2017-05-16-105950-953	Birth to 5 years
North Dakota	Birth to 3 Early Learning Guidelines http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/docs/cfs/2009-08-earlylearning-birth-3.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	North Dakota Early Learning Guidelines for Children Ages Three Through Five Years (2010) http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/docs/cfs/nd-early-learning-guidelines-for-ages-3-thru-5.pdf	3 to 5 years
Ohio	Birth Through Kindergarten Entry Learning and Development Standards (2012) http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Early-Learning-Content-Standards/Birth-Through-Pre_K-Learning-and-Development-Standards	Birth to 5 years
Oklahoma	Early Learning Guidelines for Infants, Toddlers and Twos (2018) http://www.okdhs.org/OKDHS%20Publication%20Library/10-23.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Early Learning Guidelines for Ages Three through Five (2019) http://www.okdhs.org/OKDHS%20Publication%20Library/10-54.pdf	3 to 5 years
Oregon	Oregon’s Early Learning and Kindergarten Guidelines https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/FullDayK/Pages/Early-Learning-and-Kindergarten-Guidelines.aspx	3 years to kindergarten
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Childhood: Infants – Toddlers (2014) https://www.pakeys.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/2014-Pennsylvania-Learning-Standards-for-Early-Childhood-Infants-Toddlers.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Childhood: Pre-Kindergarten (2014) https://www.pakeys.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/2014-Pennsylvania-Learning-Standards-for-Early-Childhood-PreKindergarten.pdf	3 to 5 years

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Rhode Island	Rhode Island Early Learning and Development Standards (2013) http://rields.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/RIELDS_standards_web.pdf	9 months to 5 years
South Carolina	South Carolina Early Learning Standards (2018) https://ed.sc.gov/scdoe/assets/File/instruction/early-learning-literacy/South%20Carolina%20Early%20Learning%20Standards%202017_Accessible%20Version.pdf	Birth to 5 years
South Dakota	South Dakota Early Learning Guidelines https://dss.sd.gov/docs/childcare/early_learning_guidelines.pdf	3 to 5 years
Tennessee	Revised Tennessee Early Learning Developmental Standards Birth–48 Months (2013) https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/standards/tnelds/std_tnelds_birth-4yo.pdf	Birth to 48 months
	Tennessee Early Learning Developmental Standards (2018) https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/standards/tnelds/std_tnelds_4yo_2018.pdf	4 to 5 years
Texas	Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines (2015) https://tea.texas.gov/pkg.aspx	3 to 5 years
Utah	Utah’s Early Learning Guidelines Birth to Age 3 https://urpd.usu.edu/ou-files/uploads/early_childhood-2.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Utah’s School Readiness Standards Age Three to Five https://urpd.usu.edu/ou-files/uploads/Utahs_School_Readiness_Standards.pdf	3 to 5 years
Vermont	Vermont Early Learning Standards (2015) http://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-early-education-early-learning-standards.pdf	Birth to Grade 3
Virginia	Milestones of Child Development: A Guide to Young Children’s Learning and Development from Birth to Kindergarten (2013) https://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/cc/provider_training_development/intro_page/publications/milestones/milestones_one_document/Milestones_Revised.pdf	Birth to 5 years
Washington	Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines (2012) https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/guidelines.pdf	Birth through 3rd Grade

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West Virginia	West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework: Infant/Toddler (2018) http://www.wvearlychildhood.org/resources/WV_Early_Learning_Standards_Framework_Infant_Toddler.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Early Learning Standards Framework Guidebook (2015) https://wvde.state.wv.us/apps/tree/static/doc/grade/elsf-guidebook.pdf	3 to 5 years
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (2013) https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/fscp/pdf/ec-wmels-rev2013.pdf	Birth to 1st Grade
Wyoming	Wyoming Early Learning Guidelines for Children Ages 0 to 3 (2015) https://wyquality.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Early-Learning-Guidelines.pdf	Birth to 3 years
	Wyoming Early Learning Foundations for Ages 3 to 5 (2014) https://wyquality.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WYQCEarlyLearningFoundations.pdf	3 to 5 years

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